

HONORING THE LATE REVEREND
MONSIGNOR OSCAR LUJAN CALVO

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the island of Guam recently lost a well-loved and respected religious leader. The Very Reverend Monsignor Oscar Lujan Calvo, a peacemaker, historian, and teacher, was called to his eternal rest on July 28, 2000, a few days shy of his 85th birthday. The third Chamorro to be ordained as a Roman Catholic priest, Monsignor Calvo tended to the island's faithful during the dark days of Japanese occupation during World War II. He later chose to work towards healing the wounds caused by the war and towards the preservation of Chamorro history and culture.

Known more commonly as Pale' 'Oscat, and more affectionately as "Pale' Scot," Monsignor Oscar Lujan Calvo was a renowned figure in the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy as well as in the history of Guam. Born in the city of Hagatna on August 2, 1915, Monsignor Calvo received primary instruction on Guam. At the age of thirteen, he went to the Philippines to attend the San Jose Preparatory Seminary. He returned home thirteen years later and was ordained on April 5, 1941, joining Father Jose Palomo and Father Jesus Duenas, as the only other Chamorros in the Catholic priesthood of that era. He celebrated his first Mass on Easter Sunday, April 13, 1941. Eight months later, on December 8, Japanese Imperial Forces attacked Guam.

During the occupation, Monsignor Calvo conducted secret Masses in direct defiance of regulations forbidding him and Guam's two other men of the cloth, Father Jesus Baza Duenas and Baptist minister, Reverend Joaquin Sablan, from practicing their faiths. Upon the execution of Father Duenas at the hands of the Japanese occupiers, the burden of tending to the island's faithful, roughly 20,000 Roman Catholics, rested solely upon the monsignor. This difficult task was gladly accepted by the monsignor. He performed with grace and distinction. During this period, the monsignor also made an attempt to preserve valuable church records and artifacts by secretly removing the church valuables to a safer location. Unfortunately, these items were not spared from the intense American bombardment during the liberation of Guam. Records of births, deaths and marriages dating back to the 1700s were destroyed. It was this immense loss that inspired Pale' 'Scot to become such an avid collector of artifacts and written materials about Guam and its people.

After having undergone the trials and tribulations brought about by the war, the good monsignor worked hard to heal the wounds it had caused. He played a major role in the establishment of the Guam Peace Memorial Park. This park, funded entirely by private Japanese donations, was dedicated as a tribute in memory of the Japanese and Chamorros who died during the war. In recognition of his efforts to promote peace, friendship and goodwill, the Japanese Government conferred upon him its distinguished

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Order of the Rising Sun with gold and silver rays. He was the first American to receive this prestigious award.

Monsignor Calvo was awarded the title of Honorary Papal Chamberlain in 1947. A charter member of the Fr. San Vitores Council of the Knights of Columbus, he was elevated to the order of 4th degree knight in 1968. The monsignor was inducted a knight in the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes, and of Malta, with the title of Magistral Chaplain in 1977. During Pope John Paul II's visit to Guam in 1981, the monsignor received the "Kiss of Peace" from the pontiff.

A lifetime spent serving the Church and the people of Guam culminated last year with the dedication of the Monsignor Oscar Lujan Calvo Gallery at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica in Hagatna in December. The museum is a fitting tribute to a man who has been a spiritual advisor, a civic leader, a historian and teacher. It houses a vast number of the historic documents, books, publications, photographs, and artifacts the monsignor has carefully collected and lovingly preserved over many years. With the dedication of the Monsignor Oscar Lujan Calvo Gallery, we were granted the opportunity to benefit from the monsignor's diligent efforts to preserve, protect, and promote Chamorro culture and history.

It is an impossible task to give an exact accounting of the monsignor's laudable accomplishments and vast contributions to the island of Guam. The legacy he leaves behind is unequalled. I join his family and the people of Guam in celebrating his life and accomplishments and mourning the loss of a truly great man. Adios Pale' Scot.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIAL AGENT
STANLEY J. "CHIP" AMROZOWICZ

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2000

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute and officially recognize the retirement of my good friend, Special Agent Stanley "Chip" Amrozowicz.

Known by many as "Chip A-to-Z," Special Agent Amrozowicz has distinguished himself as a proud example of service, leadership, and professionalism in law enforcement. His excellent career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation is one of dedication and achievement.

Throughout his service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chip has been assigned to the Organized Crime/Narcotics Squad, the White Collar Crime Squad, the Foreign Counter-Intelligence Squad and the Reactive Squad. In 1988, he formed the Special Operations Group within the Buffalo Division that oversees all undercover activities.

Prior to his appointment as Special Agent, Chip served the Nation as an Officer in the United States Army. He was an Infantry Platoon Leader and Infantry Company Commander with the Army during the war in Vietnam. That bravery, patriotism, and valor would

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serve him well when he returned and began service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

His current duties with the Bureau highlight his extensive experience and ability to lead. As the Police Training Coordinator, FBI National Academy Coordinator, Employee Assistance Program Coordinator and Police Instructor, Chip has helped ensure that the next generation of Agents working with the FBI in Buffalo will be as skilled as those in the past. In addition to those important duties, Chip also serves as Special Weapons and Tactics Reserve Commander and the Canadian Liaison Agent. It is plain to see that Chip's service to the FBI has been outstanding, and will undoubtedly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to join with the Amrozowicz family in commending Chip on a job well done. With retirement comes many new opportunities, both personal and professional. May Chip meet each of these opportunities with the same vigor and commitment as he did throughout his brilliant career, and may those opportunities be as fruitful as those in his past.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
NAMING THE "GARDNER C.
GRANT POST OFFICE BUILDING"

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2000

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to rename the Post Office in Cherryfield, Maine after the town's long-time Postmaster, Gardner C. Grant.

In rural Maine, as in rural areas all across the country, the Post Office is more than just a place to get your mail, and the Postmaster is more than just an employee. The Post Office is a gathering place, where neighbors catch up and exchange information. The Postmaster is part of the community, sharing news and helping everyone.

Gardner Grant served as Postmaster in Cherryfield for a remarkable 27 years. He also has been an active part of the community, serving as a Selectman, Academy Trustee, Planning Board member and an assessor. Gardner and his family—his wife Virginia and their two sons—are part of the very fabric of this Down East Maine town.

Gardner's service has earned him the admiration and respect of the people of Cherryfield. To honor him, I have been asked to submit this legislation to designate the Gardner C. Grant Post Office Building. I am proud to do so. Gardner Grant has served Cherryfield with distinction, and I agree that naming the Post Office in his honor would be a fitting tribute. I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this legislation into law.